## Shoreland Specialist is Back in the Office!

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Hello Friends & Partners,

I'm pleased to inform you that I am returning for a third year as Langlade County's Shoreland Specialist! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, I am back in the office and ready to work! (This is where you come in.)

2023's workplan will be different than previous seasons. Our FY2023 Surface water grant wasn't funded, so the Land Conservation Department doesn't have the usual funding available to support my position. Instead of a new grant award, we are relying on some carryover funds, some partner support, and the support of the County Administrator & Land Records & Regulations Department. We are very fortunate to have the county willing and able to support us for this summer, and with their support comes an unprecedented opportunity and freedom to plan.

Normally, our workplan is decided by what grants we are awarded. This year, we have the opportunity to direct our work based on the needs of you, our community. With that in mind, I am really hoping to hit the water with the locals and lead a lot of group activities for kids and adults, something fun that the whole family can enjoy. However, I want to hear from you how I can get involved with/help you? If you aren't sure, reach out, I don't bite. If you hesitate, or don't take the bait, I may end up as the one that got away, because after my position ends in August, there is no guarantee it will return next year.

So please, help me make an extra splash this year!

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